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**Regional AKIS Stakeholders workshop
Southern Europe**

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The AKIS and advisory services in Portugal

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Background – Agriculture in Portugal

- More than 70% of agricultural holdings are specialized
 - ❖ Herbivores & Permanent crops
- Forestry is the main business complement of agricultural holdings
- However, since 2013 there has been an increase of unused forest land



Background – Farmers in Portugal

- The average age of the Portuguese farmer is the oldest in EU28, 65 years
- 34% of individual farmers are women
- Academic background of 71.4% was only elementary school
- In 2016 the family farming population was about 628 thousand individuals, 6.1% of the population



The AKIS diagram



Main characteristics of the AKIS

- **Farming & Forestry Based Associations** (*Technical advisory, Training, Communication, Dissemination, Benchmarking, Funding investment projects, Multiactor knowledge network, Policy recommendations, Sectorial advocacy*)
- **Knowledge & Innovation Providers** (*Knowledge transfer, Technical advisory, Training, Innovation brokers, Communication, Dissemination, Private funding, Benchmarking, Multiactor knowledge networks*)
- **National & Regional Directorates** (*Policies, Regulation, Territorial planning, Public funding, Audits & Control, Environmental & Biodiversity guidelines*)
- **Research & Education** (*Research, Education, Knowledge transfer, Demonstration, Technical publications, Multiactor knowledge transfer*)
- **The central group Farms & Forestry**

Characterisation of advisory service provision

- Technical support to farmers comes from many institutions and services
 - ❖ Mostly cooperatives and farmers' associations
- However advisory is fragmented and dispersed throughout the country



Summary

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 - ❖ The average age of the Portuguese farmer is the oldest in EU28, 65 years
 - ❖ 34% of individual farmers are women
 - ❖ Academic background of 71.4% was only elementary school
- The AKIS in Portugal is divided in the following groups: Farming & Forestry Based Associations, Knowledge & Innovation Providers, National & Regional Directorates, Research & Education and the **central group Farms &Forestry**
- Advisory services are highly fragmented throughout the country



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